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### **Cal/EPA**

#### **Cal-CUPA On-Line Training**

The CUPA Forum Board has launched its new on line training website. Streaming training from past CUPA Conferences is now available online and is free. The list of training courses currently available can be found on the Cal-CUPA web site under Training and the "Training Video library", or follow the link, [http://www.calcupa.net/training/training\\_video\\_library.asp](http://www.calcupa.net/training/training_video_library.asp)

#### **CCDEH Data Summit in August 2008**

The California Conference of the Directors of Environmental Health will hold a Data Summit on August 22, 2008, from 9:00 to 4:00 pm in Sacramento at the Cal/EPA Headquarters Building in the Sierra Hearing Room. The data summit is being held to review state data system updates, including data sharing processes and integration with other environmental health data systems. CCDEH will be discussing their data model and will revisit the concept of a statewide data steering committee supported at the state level. The Data Summit is sponsored by CCDEH and registration is free. The draft agenda and registration is available at: [http://www.ccdeh.com/announcements/CCDEHProposed\\_2008\\_Data\\_Summit\\_Agenda.pdf](http://www.ccdeh.com/announcements/CCDEHProposed_2008_Data_Summit_Agenda.pdf)

#### **APSA Grants Processed and Training Contracts Signed**

Cal/EPA processed all 83 APSA Grant requests received and authorized almost \$6,700,000 in grant funds to the 83 CUPAs. Included in this process was over \$5,300,000 in advanced grant payments to the CUPAs. The advances have been and are being processed and should be showing up any week. The grant funding will be used by CUPAs to pay for the initial implementation of the local programs. In addition to the grant funding, Cal/EPA processed contracts for almost \$800,000 to develop and provide class room training to about 700

CUPA staff statewide. The 3-day training will be provided through about 20 different classes in locations all over the state beginning in March 2009. Additionally, the training will be captured electronically and provide through an online interactive web training site. The interactive website should be available in late 2009 or early 2010.

## **Department of Toxic Substances Control**

### **Delay in 2008 Verification Questionnaire and Manifest Fees Assessment**

DTSC is briefly delaying the annual mailing of the 2008 Verification Questionnaire and Fees Assessment, in an effort to improve the quality of our customer service and increase the efficiency of our operations. DTSC is simplifying the documentation and streamlining the fee processing in an effort to reduce costs and provide improved service to our EPA ID and manifest fee payers. The verification questionnaire and fee assessments are typically mailed in early June, but the process improvement efforts have delayed the mailing until late summer or early fall. If you have questions, you may contact our Telephone Information Center at (800) 618-6942.

### **Green Chemistry Initiative**

The Green Chemistry Initiative [Science Advisory Panel](#) has completed its report on advancing green chemistry in California to DTSC Director Maureen Gorsen. The report describes the work of the Panel, especially its process in developing green chemistry options, and presents 38 options to advance green chemistry the Science Advisory Panel has identified for the state to consider. It is important to note that, while there was substantial agreement on many of the options developed by the Panel and its subcommittees, the Science Advisory Panel did not attempt to reach consensus on the options developed for presentation to Director Gorsen. Therefore, this report presents a range of options for the state to consider. Each of these options was developed by one or more individual members of the SAP, and should not be regarded as representing the consensus of the SAP. The report can be found at:  
[www.dtsc.ca.gov/PollutionPrevention/GreenChemistryInitiative/upload/SAP\\_Report.pdf](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/PollutionPrevention/GreenChemistryInitiative/upload/SAP_Report.pdf).

## **State Water Resources Control Board**

### **LG 169: Clarification of Requirements for Vapor Condensate Traps**

On June 23, 2008, the State Water Board released *LG 169: Clarification of Requirements for Vapor Condensate Traps*. The purpose of this letter is to clarify the regulatory requirements that apply to vapor condensate traps installed in tank vent or vapor recovery piping connected to UST systems. The letter explains the purpose for installing vapor condensate traps, how one can identify them, and the regulatory requirements that apply. UST Program Contact: UST Program ([ust@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:ust@waterboards.ca.gov); 916-341-5775).

### **Amended: A General Overview of UST Requirements Tables**

On June 26, 2008, the State Water Board amended the series of tables titled "A General Overview of Underground Storage Tank (UST) Requirements" that were released on April 25, 2008. The document consists of tables that show tank system requirements in general terms grouped by UST system components (i.e. tank, piping, etc) and date of install. References to the Health and Safety Code and the California Code of Regulations throughout the Overview are intended to be useful but are not necessarily exhaustive of all legal references that might apply or be relevant to a specific requirement. UST Program Contact: Marcele Christofferson ([mchristofferson@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:mchristofferson@waterboards.ca.gov); 916-341-5594).

### **Report 6 and Red Tag Reporting**

Beginning with the September 1, 2008 submittal, CUPAs will be reporting Report 6 and Red Tag data on a semi-annual basis using revised forms contained in the Title 27 regulations, effective January 18, 2008. The revised forms and instructions are attached for your information. As in the past, each CUPA will receive a Report 6 form pre-populated with data from the previous reporting period. We will send out the pre-populated forms in early July. They are due back with January-June 2008 data by September 1, so that we can report back to USEPA by October 2008.

We have simplified the Report 6 form in several ways:

- 1) Replace the previous Column B that showed net changes with a new Column B that shows number of new facilities or systems and add a Column C to show number of closed facilities or systems;
- 2) Delete reporting of UST systems with release detection and UST systems with release prevention, which were 1998 upgrade requirements;
- 3) Revise significant operational compliance reporting to create 4 categories that do not overlap: facilities in compliance with release detection only; facilities in compliance with release prevention only; facilities in compliance with both release detection and release prevention; and facilities with violations of both release detection and release prevention.

The Red Tag data requirements were changed to add the facility owner's name and facility operator's name to the form. Red Tag data are submitted as side 2 of the Report 6 form. A place was added to the bottom of the Report 6 form to be checked if no Red Tags were issued during the reporting period. The Red Tag form was redesigned to make it easier to enter the required information.

UST Program Contact: Terry Snyder (tsnyder@waterboards.ca.gov; 916-341-5385).

### **Governor's Office of Emergency Services**

#### **CalARP Program Information Discussion**

OES will hold an OES/OEHHA CalARP project informative and discussion conference call meeting for interested CUPAs on August 19, 2008, from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. The planned topic for discussion is Toxic End Points and Potential Regulatory Changes.

For additional information contact Brian Abeel at (916) 845-8768 or at [brian.abeel@oes.ca.gov](mailto:brian.abeel@oes.ca.gov)

OES & OEHHHA are proposing to present a class at the 2009 CUPA Conference the last week of January 2009 to discuss current work projects that they are working on.

Class Name: "CalARP Today for CalARP Tomorrow"

Topic Discussions: Toxic End Points, Solids, Potential Regulatory Updates

Jack Harrah is the class lead; (916) 845-8759 or [Jack.Harrah@oes.ca.gov](mailto:Jack.Harrah@oes.ca.gov)

The Cal/EPA HQ meeting location is Room 210.

Conference Call Number: 1-888-664-9852

Passcode: 22187

#### **Emergency Response Guidebook (ERG)**

The 2008 EGR is now available. You can download the 2008 ERG from:

<http://hazmat.dot.gov/pubs/erg/guidebook.htm> or for hard copies, contact Fred Mehr at (916) 845-8754 or [fred.mehr@oes.ca.gov](mailto:fred.mehr@oes.ca.gov). 2008 Emergency Response Guidebook information is integrated in the new release of WISER. In addition, an ERG Tool is also available in the Windows and Windows Mobile versions of WISER. WISER provides a comprehensive electronic version of the 2008 ERG with powerful search capabilities. Visit <http://wiser.nlm.nih.gov/> for additional information.

#### **Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant**

Submit HMEP Grant Application for fiscal year 2008/2009 to your respective LEPC NOW for approval. The submission deadline to OES is August 15, 2008. Any HMEP questions (Documentation, reimbursement, guidelines, etc.) please contact Ronald Olguin, HMEP Coordinator, at (916) 845-8765 or [ronald.olguin@oes.ca.gov](mailto:ronald.olguin@oes.ca.gov).

#### **2008 Continuing Challenge**

The 2008 Continuing Challenge will be held at the Radisson Hotel in Sacramento from September 2-5, 2008. Additional information, including registration, can be found at [www.hazmat.org](http://www.hazmat.org). The annual Continuing Challenge Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Workshop began in 1990 for the purpose of providing training, networking and hands-on learning opportunities to all employees in hazardous materials emergency

response related fields of employment. Each year, prominent and skilled presenters are brought together to provide the most recent information available to enhance or grow skills critical to ensure a safe and effective response. Featured are exciting classroom sessions, hands-on workshops, and exciting contests to test new skills. This year's theme is — "Routine to the Catastrophic ...Looking Beyond the Obvious."

**Office of the State Fire Marshal**

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